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The Recognition of Carranza.
By its recognition of the Carranza faction of Mexico, in conjunction with Brazil, Argentina and Chile, the United States moves to secure the restoration of order and the establishment of a stable government in the neighboring republic. That such will be the result is the earnest hope of the people of this country, who have been greatly distressed and in considerable degree injured by the unsettled state of affairs south of the Rio Grande. Carranza claims control of all but a small part of the Mexican territory, and from Vera Cruz has for some time exercised administrative powers which have been steadily enlarged until his agents here have put forth the contention that in all practical essentials his is the working government of the republic.
The United States has two strong wishes with respect to Mexico: That it be given a permanently stable, progressive and constructive rule, and that it be animated by feelings of genuine friendship for this country. It is essential to the interests of the United States that Mexico be not only not hostile, but positively sympathetic in spirit toward it. Our concern on this score is greater than that of any other power, American or European. As possessor of the Panama canal, it is highly important that sincere friendship for and confidence in the United States animate all the countries lying between its territory and the interoceanic waterway. So it may be assumed that in working out an understanding with Carranza care has been taken to guarantee a full recognition by the newly recognized Mexican government of the special American interests that demand consideration in any adjustment.
Recognized by the American powers, Carranza must now proceed to establish his government firmly, and to win the confidence and respect and allegiance of his own people by giving them a just, humane and progressive administration, curing the economic and social ills that have so long afflicted them, establishing the bases of prosperity and setting the Mexicans upon the road to education and development. He will be most successful if he utilizes the American resources now available in Mexico, co-operating with our capitalists and investors instead of using them to his selfish ends as others have sought to do; if, in short, he pursues toward them the policy of Diaz. If he adopts these principles and holds to them and insists upon a faithful observance of them by his lieutenants and associates he will make Mexico great, and he will have won a triumph entitling him to high fame as a creator of national prosperity and advancement.
King George may have threatened to abdicate on the theory that a true statesman must provide himself with a resignation rumor at some stage of his career.
The feminine influence in politics may yet become so strong that it will be impossible to omit the ball in the pension office as an incident of inauguration festivities.
The naval advisory board expects to show that an important branch of the government can do good work without the help of a publicity staff.
Plutocrat and Philosopher.
In an address delivered in Denver the other day before a large number of business men of Colorado, John D. Rockefeller, jr., paid this tribute to his father:
"Criticism, maligned and condemned for business success achieved through his ability to gain the confidence of men, to harmonize conflicting interests and to effect economies in production—and for his philanthropic enterprises also—he cherishes no bitterness toward those who have condemned him, and has nothing but good will for every man."
The son, of course, spoke warmly, and, we may all believe, with entire sincerity. He spoke also with considerable information as to his father's affairs and feelings. He has been trained by his father for business on terms of the closest intimacy. Let an allowance be made for the near relationship and its natural effect on the tribute, and yet there is much left worthy of thought in what is thus said of one of the most conspicuous men of this generation.
The elder Rockefeller as a business man has done wonders. His fortune is truly colossal, and grows, colossal, right along. What he controls in the way of money and credit, and opportunity for further accumulation, is not known, but if ascertained and stated would probably stagger everyday belief. The world has come to think in enormous figures, but in connection principally with governments and corporations. In this case the figures relate to the genius and activities of a single individual.
Such extraordinary success by one man has necessarily made him an object of marked attention and the subject of widely varying appraisements. Mr. Rockefeller's experience with misunderstanding, misrepresentation and detraction is not new. It does not set him apart. His fate is the common fate of all. Into the life of every man of his type comes some such penalty for unusual achievement. If Mr. Rockefeller has paid a heavier penalty than others it is probably because of his place at the head of the line of accumulators.
This generation cannot hope for thoroughly just estimates of the remarkable men who in the last decade have carried business into so many new fields and so astonishingly far in many old fields. On the one hand their performances have conferred benefits filling the beneficiaries with gratitude and praise, and on the other hand inflicted injuries through the stress of rivalries filling the defeated and the injured with resentment and enmity. Time alone can properly measure matters and mete out the proper rewards or punishments.
If the elder Rockefeller is as philosophical as his son describes he is as fortunate in the matter of temperament as in the gift for money-making.

Preparedness.
Representative Bailey of Pennsylvania, a democrat and opposed to preparedness, has taken time by the forelock. Intending to renew next winter the fight against that policy, he has put himself in communication by letter with many members of the new House on the subject. He estimates the number at fifty or sixty, and says that "practically all of them have replied declaring, without reservation, they are prepared to renew the fight."
The Senate leader of anti-preparedness has not yet been disclosed. It may be that some senator has done what Mr. Bailey confesses to, and that when Congress meets the strength of the sentiment on that side of the question in both houses of that body will be ascertainable.
The real leader, however, will not sit in Congress. Mr. Bryan, if current report is correct, will direct operations, and in order to do so with fullest results will spend a good deal of time in Washington during the session. He knows his subject and knows Congress. He is very much in earnest. Since quitting the cabinet he has covered much territory, west, south and in the middle section, and everywhere made known his opposition to a larger army and navy. He will throw himself into the fight with all his ardor and ability.
As yet neither side knows just what the position of the other is, considered in detail. And adequate preparedness has not been defined—cannot be until the President's advisers have reported to him and he has passed on their reports in an address to Congress. The proposition in general on that side is that the country at present is lamentably unprepared, and would be an easy mark for a powerful aggressor—a condition of affairs which should be corrected as soon as possible.
The other side is divisible into two classes. Class number one seems to believe that the war now in progress will be the last war of any material size or consequence. The total loss of life and property will be so great the world will sober up and be good for ever after. Let the United States put its money into implements of peace, instead of war.
Class number two is not so sure about the beginning of the millennium, but suggests that this is not the time to prepare a program for preparedness even when it is conceded that our fighting machine needs enlargement. Wait until the war is over, and competent soldiers and sailors have had opportunity to digest the war's developments as to new army and new navy weapons. It is too early now for Congress to pass upon so large and important a subject.
When the debate fairly begins—both sides in the open, and each fully advised as to the attitude of the other—the shindy will be worth attention.
Villa, of course, will seek to make it appear to Carranza's followers that the former chief is on entirely too good terms with the United States government to be regarded as a regular Mexican patriot.
A world series game may be interesting as a social and historic event, in addition to its importance as a sporting occasion.
Woodrow Wilson has unquestionably enabled the country to get its mind off the war and turn for a time to pleasant thoughts.
The Balkan Situation.
No doubt may now be felt as to Bulgaria's future part in the European war. She has cast her lot with Germany and Austria and will stand or fall with them, profiting doubtless in an enlargement of territory if they dictate the ultimate peace terms and suffering depletion, perhaps national extinction, if their enemies dominate. But in Bulgaria's part in the war and her possible reward or punishment there is little interest. How will this new alignment in the Balkans affect the major campaign? Will Germany and Austria, with Bulgaria's active or quiescent aid, be able to blast a way through to Turkey and there definitely check the slow progress of the allies toward Constantinople, and thus insure the maintenance of a wall of armed force between the French and English on the south and the Russians on the north?
In this speculation the attitude of Greece and Rumania is important. London and Paris were a short time ago confidently counting upon the active assistance of both states if Bulgaria moved toward Germany's side, depending upon them as more than an offset in the field to render Teutonic progress southward impossible and to make unnecessary the use of larger allied forces in the southern field. But Rumania and Greece have not shown any signs of participation. Greece, indeed, has developed a condition that makes positively for neutrality unless a revolution shall overthrow the strongly pro-German monarch. Rumania, also ruled by a pro-German, balks at participation in the struggle, despite strong popular feeling for war against the Teutonic powers, based on considerations of national interest and racial sentiment.
Thus the Balkans now become the theater of the most important moves of the war. A Teutonic drive to Turkey will greatly hearten Germany and Austria, and correspondingly depress England, France and Russia, multiplying their dangers and their difficulties. On the other hand, if the allies, with the assistance of Greece and Rumania, check the drive, a most important victory will have been won.

If Carranza is expected to follow up the conviction of Granado of complicity in the Madero assassination, with trials of all the homicide suspects in Mexico, his career will be a busy one.
News from the Balkan states continues to be very much like that sent in years past. They are among the few governments that in the present crisis are adhering to tradition.
When a world series is concluded the public always expects to hear from the winner on the science of the game and from the loser on the luck of it.
Sing Sing convicts have a comparatively happy time, but the warden may have difficulty in keeping investigators from giving him the third degree.
Should King George decide to become a private citizen Kitchener would probably lay immediate claim to him as one more recruit.
Incidentally, Count Bernstorff may be entitled to a few congratulations on the smoothing of diplomatic difficulties.
The promenade to the polls may yet be an occasion of refinement rivaling the Easter parade.
The relentlessness of Mars never yet availed to put Cupid out of business.
Woodrow Wilson has every reason just now to claim recognition as one of the world's leading optimists.

SHOOTING STARS.
BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.
Not Among the Rooters.
"Why do you think your husband didn't attend the ball game as he said he would?"
"Because," replied the woman with snappy eyes, "when he got home he wasn't at all hoarse."
At a Disadvantage.
"Do you think you can put a man in the penitentiary and then make a perfect citizen of him?"
"Not always. If you put him in as warden he's likely to be an object of criticism the rest of his life."
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Getting First News.
"What are your reasons for wanting to be appointed postmaster of your village? The pay isn't much."
"No," replied Farmer Cornblossed. "But I kind of thought as long as Si Simlin had been gettin' first go at our postal cards for years, it was only fair for me an' ma to have our turn at theirs."
Complete Convert.
"What are your views on the subject of woman suffrage?"
"I'm for it," replied Senator Sorghum. "And if women get the vote I hope they'll go a step further and take the privilege away from a lot of the men who have been misusing it."
An Idealization.
"You ought to know my father," exclaimed the boy so small. "Is he a prince? Well, rather! He has no faults at all. Some people's criticisms are cruelly unfair. It seems downright surprising That any one should dare!"
"The people who don't know him are jealous of his praise. But we who do will throw him The fairest of bouquets. His enemies so heartless Should hear him talk to me In language strong and artless On what a man should be."
Men follow on, untiring. The paths of hope and fear, Nor heed the gaze admiring Of youthful eyes so clear. This world would tempt with graces And generous, hopeful joys If men would hold the places Assigned them by their boys.

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